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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 6, 2006. Claims 1-53 are pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this document.

Listing of the claims begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.